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SUBJ: RECENT CATHOLIC AID TO NORTH VIETNAM

1. VATICAN SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY "OSSERVATORE ROMANO" JULY 27
CARRIED ARTICLE DESCRIBING RECENT CATHOLIC AID TO BOTH VIETNAMS.
PORTIONS OF ARTICLE DEALING WITH NORTH VIETNAM LISTED FOLLOWING
SHIPMENTS:

A. WEST GERMAN SHIP ARRIVED AT HAIPHONG MAY 24 TO DELIVER
315 TONS GALVANIZED SHEET METAL, LARGE STOCK OF MATERIAL UNAVAIL-
ABLE IN DRV FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS, 10 TONS OF MEDICAL
INSTRUMENTS, AND MEDICINES WORTH 1/2 MILLION DMS;

B. TWO WEEKS EARLIER A POLISH SHIP DELIVERED 250 TONS SHEET
METAL, 85 TONS MILK AND BABY FOODS, AND ONE TON MEDICINES.
ABOVE TWO SHIPMENTS, VALUED IN EXCESS OF \$1 MILLION, WERE MADE
POSSIBLE BY DONATIONS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AMONG THEM AUSTRIA,
BELGIUM, DENMARK, ITALY, GERMANY, FRANCE, AND HOLLAND. SHIP-
MENTS WERE MADE VIA CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS TO NORTH VIETNAMESE
RED CROSS.

2. ARTICLE NOTES THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER SHIPMENTS ON
BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS AND NORTH
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VIETNAMESE RED CROSS. ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS THAT PROMISED 300-

BED PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL, WHICH WILL REPLACE 150-BED HOSPITAL DESTROYED DURING WAR, SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1974.VOLPE

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